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### ROUNDTABLE

WEDNESDAY, April 16 --- Clubrooms, 1475 Broadway  
From 5:30 to 7:30 PM -- Members and Guests: Free

#### ARE NEWSPAPER PEOPLE MORE NEUROTIC THAN MOST?

with

LUCY FREEMAN

New York Times writer,  
author of "Fight Against  
Fears"

SALLY LIEBERMAN

author of "A Child's Guide to  
a Parent's Mind"

RICHARD H. HOFFMANN

Well-known psychiatrist,  
State Consultant in Murder  
Cases

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How crazy are newspapermen? If at all? Are they the only sane people in a mad world?  
What occupational hazards does journalism place in the path of sanity?

To discuss these and other questions psychiatric and psychological, the Overseas Press Club presents a panel including Miss Freeman, whose best-selling book, "Fight Against Fears", reports her own experiences while under psychiatric treatment; Sally Lieberman, author of another top book in the field and contributor to the New York Post; and Richard H. Hoffmann, whose patients have included Park Avenue matrons and Frank Costello, and who, as consultant to the Nassau County District Attorney's office, has helped solve many famous murders.

DON'T MISS NEWS OF THE OPC'S ANNUAL AWARDS DINNER - SEE PAGE 3 OF THIS ISSUE! ! !

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JOHN ELLIOTT has resigned from the New York Herald Tribune to accept a post with the Federal Government ... General Eisenhower, according to WALTER LIPPmann in the current issue of Look magazine, is the "Republican who has overwhelmingly the best chance of winning the election" and is the one man who can "unite the nation" ... NBC newsman MERRILL MUELLER now directs his 1:30 PM radio programs to homemakers, under the title, "MERRILL MUELLER's Home Edition of the News". First newscast originated April 7 ... ROBERT TROUT has been assigned to cover for CBS Radio the atomic explosion test late this month in Nevada, which will be the first time an on-site test report by news correspondents has been permitted.

The Overseas Press Club records with sorrow the death on March 31 of ERIC PALMER, long time Club Member and former Brooklyn political reporter and publicist for the Port of New York Authority and the Cigar Institute of America. He was 64.

Maj. JACOBUS TenBERGE, presently recovering from an operation at the Camp Kilmer, N.J., hospital, expects to return to civilian life this week. After serving in the Far East Command PIO and as The Bulletin's Tokyo correspondent, Maj. TenBERGE left Japan on February 19 for a 14-day carrier "cruise" across the Pacific. Twelve more days brought him to Camp Kilmer. He looks forward to enjoying OPC cocktails very soon ... PAUL ELLIOTT-SMITH down in Monterrey, Mexico, for several weeks, "attempting," he says, "to recover from Harry's March 15 bite" ...

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Just returned from Korea, where he was a Voice of America front-line correspondent, JAMES GREENFIELD recently joined the staff of Time magazine. He expects reassignment to the Far East shortly ... WILLIAM HILLMAN, MBS White House correspondent and author of the controversial book, "Mr. President", guested April 8 on Hazel Markel's MBS women's show ...

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AILING-MEMBER DEPARTMENT: The OPC salutes these Members who have recently recovered from various illnesses: JEWEL DE BONILLA, H. GEORGE WOODHEAD and JOSEPH RUFFNER ... President JOHN DALY and NOLA LUXFORD participate this Sunday on a special Easter Sunday broadcast from the Hotel Pierre. The nationwide TV show, over WJZ, will be from 1 to 2 PM ... Following statewide coverage of the Wisconsin and Nebraska primaries, a seven-man NBC news team covered the important Illinois primary elections April 8. Among them were Past President W. W. CHAPLIN and MERRILL (Red) MUELLER ...

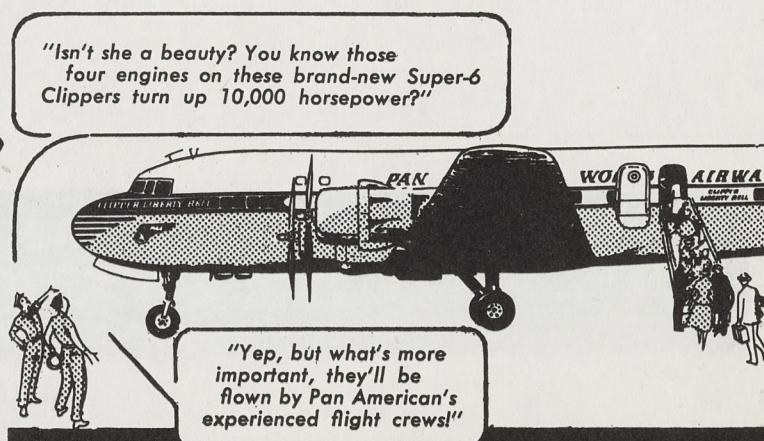
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: NEW MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS :  
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ACTIVE: Lucia Donnelley, correspondent, Vision magazine. Brazil, Paraguay, December 1950 to present, for Vision. Proposed by DIXON DONNELLEY; seconded by JERRY B. HANNIFIN.

John Graham Dowling, Time-Life International. South Pacific, Far East, 1945 to 1947, for the Chicago Sun; now in Southeast Asia for Time-Life International. Proposed by JOHN DONOVAN; seconded by LEO HOCHSTETTER.

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The Acting Chairman of the Admissions Committee announces the election to active membership in the Overseas Press Club of America of the following candidate:

CORNELL CAPA, Time-Life

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\* FORD FOUNDATION'S PAUL HOFFMAN, MRS. ROOSEVELT \*  
\* TO SPEAK AT CLUB'S ANNUAL AWARDS DINNER MAY 7 \*

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Chairman Urges Members to Reserve  
Desirable Tables As Soon As Possible  
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Paul G. Hoffman, President of the Ford Foundation, and Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt, U.S. Delegate to the United Nations, will be guests of honor and speakers at the OPC's Annual Awards Dinner at the Waldorf Astoria Hotel on Wednesday, May 7.

In announcing their names, Dinner Chairman WILLIAM P. GRAY said that other speakers, as well as entertainers, will join the program. At the same time he urged all Members to make early table reservations to avoid later disappointment. Subscription rates will be: Member and one guest, each, \$10; guests, \$15 each.

Subject of Hoffman's address, GRAY reported, will be "The Management of Victory", while Mrs. Roosevelt will speak on "The Twain Must Meet".

Special significance is attached to this year's Annual Dinner because it falls on the seventh anniversary of V-E Day. Thus, speakers are expected to review the progress made toward peace in the years since the war's end.

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Club Headquarters has a limited supply of reduced-rate tickets to the Palisades Amusement Park, Palisades, New Jersey. Those wishing tickets may call LONGACRE 4-0174, or call at the office.

ABC's PAULINE FREDERICK has been a busy gal these days. On April 9 she was guest panelist on the ACB AM-TV show, "Crossfire", from Washington. Also, lecture dates: April 10, at Greensboro, N.C.; April 18, Hickory, N.C.; April 25, Plattsburg, N. Y. She appears on Town Meeting April 15 from Ohio Wesleyan University, speaking on "Should There Be a Military Man in the White House?" ... RICHARD TREGASKIS postcards from Los Angeles, where he reports making speeches "in behalf of my pet scheme, scholarships for Asiatics." The project has received considerable favorable reaction, including a laudatory editorial in the Los Angeles News. "For a living", he says, "I'm still writing a screenplay for BOB CONSIDINE's series, 'The Great A-Bomb Robbery!'" ... Another postcarded regards comes from HELEN BUCKLER at Wallingford, Pa. ... TV Guide carrying blurb in its current (April 11) issue on RICHARD THOMAS and his scriptless TV newscasting technique. It draws attention to two demonstrations: Tuesday and Friday, April 15 and 18, at 25 West 39th St. at 9 P.M. All OPC Members are cordially invited.

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"President Truman is expected to announce Saturday night at the Jefferson-Jackson dinner in Washington, D.C., that he will not seek re-election." That was the lead in an exclusive article in the Thursday, March 27, Jefferson City (Mo.) Post-Tribune, clips of which reached New York this week from FRANK HANDY of that newspaper. "I sincerely believe," HANDY wrote, "we were the only newspaper to make such an accurate prediction. I thought it particularly interesting since the President's statement was not a part of his prepared speech". The OPC joins HANDY in being "pretty proud of what appears to be a national exclusive!" ...

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The Overseas Press Club expresses condolences to CHARLES TOBBINS on the death in New York Hospital on April 4 of his father, Mr. Charles H. D. Robbins. Mr. Robbins, 84, was also the father-in-law of OPC Executive Secretary Janice Griffiths Robbins.

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"Early this year," writes EARL CHAPIN MAY, "Dodd, Mead and Company brought out 'A History of the Union League Club of New York City' which, from the standpoint of the Overseas Press Club, is a memorial to the late WILL IRWIN who, as a Member of the OPC, was one of America's distinguished writers, Saturday Evening Post contributors and authors. WILL died while writing the Union League's history." MAY was called in by Edwin Balmer, editor of Redbook, to complete the history. So MAY went to work, covered the 18 years to bring the book down to 1949, when he was called on contract to write another book. Joseph Hotchkiss brought the Union League history down to publication date. "But the bulk of the writing," MAY concludes, "was WILL IRWIN's and, as such, has been very well received by reviewers" ...

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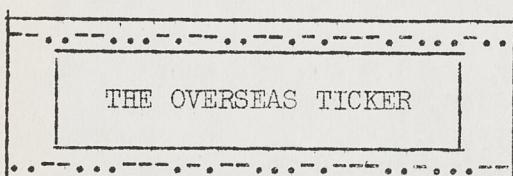
A. WILFRED MAY IN MOSCOW;) MAY BE ONLY U. S. NEWSMAN) COVERING ECONOMIC MEETING)

Executive Editor A. WILFRED MAY of Commercial and Financial Chronicle left New York by plane on April 2 for Moscow to cover the controversial International Economic Conference for his own and other publications. Since visa requests of other U.S. correspondents in Paris and elsewhere were reported refused, MAY is one of the few -- if not the only -- American newsmen able to secure a Soviet visa for this purpose.

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Back in the United States this month is Dr. ALBERTO GAINZA PAZ, banished publisher of Argentina's La Prensa. He'll address meetings here of the American Society of Newspaper Editors and the American Newspaper Publishers Association ... DIXON DONNELLEY, of the Rio bureau of Vision magazine, is in New York to complete plans for the forthcoming Portuguese edition of the magazine, which will hit newsstands in Brazil and Portugal on July 22. DONNELLEY will direct the mag, with assistance of a staff of crack Brazilian newsmen. Editor of Vision, which makes its headquarters in New York, is EDWIN STOUT ...

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: Overseas Press Club Members are invited to attend a luncheon honor- :  
: ing H. V. KALTENBORN at the Waldorf Astoria Hotel on Thursday, April :  
: 17. The luncheon is being sponsored by the Radio Executives Club :  
: and the New York Chapter, Radio Pioneers :  
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HONG KONG DATELINE: -- (Special to The Bulletin) -- The records of the Foreign Correspondents' Club that started in Chungking during the war years, moved to Peiping and Shanghai, and finally took refuge in Hong Kong, have been found after two years. Fred Hampson, treasurer at Shanghai, packed the files in a wooden box

and passed them along to a friend to get from out of China. They finally showed up in a stevedoring office on the Kowloon side of Hong Kong and were retrieved by Club secretary EDWARD HUNTER ...

The dusty records constitute one of the most interesting historic documents in journalism, and their recovery provides the club with fascinating evidence of its continuity, for the day when it returns to the mainland. A faded, pink folder contains the first minutes of the inaugural meeting at the Press Hostel in Chungking on May 18, 1943. First chairman was Brooks Atkinson of the New York Times, with Spencer Moosa, AP, now at Taipei as secretary.

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A precedent was set at this meeting for the club to support the professional needs of newspaper correspondents. First resolutions dealt with censorship, press conferences and living conditions. The present club had been handicapped by lack of any set of rules, but the box of records included yellowed copies of a constitution adopted by referendum at Shanghai in September, 1948. A new set of rules has been adopted in the meantime, and is now in the process of registration with the Hong Kong government ...

The club's president now is HENRY LIEBERMAN, New York Times; Richard Harris, of the Times of London, vice president; and STANLEY RICH, Associated Press, treasurer. Peppi Paunzen is manager. The club's present palatial home, just below the fog belt on Hong Kong's peak, at 41A Conduit Road, is a far cry from the original arduous quarters at Chungking. -- (EDWARD HUNTER).

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The Easter edition of the Staatszeitung's literary supplement is publishing GERTY AGOSTON's story, "The Queen" ... BEN GRAUER has just started a new series of television newscasts for Van Heusen shirts -- every night, Monday through Friday, at 6:45 PM on WNBT ... RADER WINGET, just back from a Bermuda trip, now is vacationing at home, preparing the ground for the new rose growing season ... On April 5 BELL FROMM spoke on "Was the U.S. Occupation a Success in Germany?", before the Henry George School of Social Science ...

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ROBERT MONTAGNE, ERIC HAWKINS) ARE FETED AT COCKTAIL GATHERING) SPONSORED BY CLUB AT HEADQUARTERS)

A double-barrelled presentation characterized the cocktail party on April 7 at the Clubrooms, at which guests of honor were Dr. Robert Montagne, College de France professor and expert on Moslem affairs, and the

Club's own ERIC HAWKINS, editor of the Paris edition of the New York Herald Tribune. The meeting was attended by about 50 Club Members and their guests.

Dr. Montagne, who has lived many years in North Africa, speaks Arabic and counsels the French government on its policy toward the Moslems, reported that the situation is far different in North Africa than in the Middle Eastern states. In that area, Professor Montagne said, there is a larger population of people with an Eastern orientation. In North Africa, however, some two million Westerners are living in close proximity to 80 million Moslems.

"In France", he said, "we have tried to solve this problem by giving varying statutes to the North African states that have adopted stabilized systems of government. This has been particularly successful in Algeria, where 'Westernized' Moslems are participating in the government to a greater extent each year."

To the North African whose culture and background is traditionally in the Islam concept, "nations" mean very little, Dr. Montagne said. Instead, their strength and sympathy goes to the various communities in which they live.

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ERIC HAWKINS, after an introduction by DANIEL VAN ACKER, spoke briefly and then gathered with old friends. Among them were STEPHEN WHITE, Look assistant managing editor, and RUTH LLOYD, former correspondent in Paris. Others noted at the meeting included CHRISTOPHER EMMETT, GERALDINE SARTAIN, Program Chairman SANFORD GRIFFITH (who presided at the party), WAMBLY BAID, JOHN MOROSO, DAVID SHIFRIN (who won the book prize, "Caroline Cherie", by Cecil St. Laurent, translation by LARRY BLOCHMAN, Prentice-Hall).

H. V. KALTENBORN HONORED,  
PARODIED IN OPC TRIBUTE  
ATTENDED BY RECORD CROWD)

The dean of American radio commentators, NBC's beloved H. V. KALTENBORN added another "experience" to the thousands that have filled his 30 years on the air when he received the plaudits of colleagues, friends and OPC Members at a special Toots

Shor luncheon on April 3. A crowd estimated at nearly 200 packed the third floor dining room, requiring installation of additional tables, and were still arriving as the program got under way. Others, unable to find room inside, stood by the doors to hear and applaud.

Presiding was a former HVK colleague, President JOHN DALY, who introduced head-table colleagues CECIL BROWN of MBS; LARRY LESUEUR of CBS; the AP's HAL BOYLE; WILLIAM BROOKS (NBC vice president); GEORGE PALMER, former UP and AP staffer now on a Council of Foreign Relations fellowship; HAL LEE, public relations director of Brazilian International Airways; HENRY CASSIDY, NBC news director; and KALTENBORN's wife and son, Rolf.

High point of the program was a "Gridiron-type" skit, which featured BEN GRAUER as "Ben Gruaway" in a parody of the Dave Garroway "Today" show. For the occasion it reviewed KALTENBORN's "1,000 years in radio", which began with a taped broadcast of KALTENBORN reporting on an interview with Cleopatra. The set, made to resemble the "Today" background of dials, clocks, moving tapes and television pilot panels, showed KALTENBORN curled up asleep on a sofa in its four "pilot panels", and KALTENBORN "time" on the clocks. Other scripts: KALTENBORN translating Hitler's flattering remarks about other U.S. correspondents, and profanity about HVK; KALTENBORN's first radio broadcast, in which son Rolf played his famous father as a sportsman and hobbyist who couldn't bring himself to settle down before a microphone long enough to make the historic broadcast; a playback of President Truman's celebrated take-off on KALTENBORN's prediction that "Dewey will definitely beat Truman". Other participants in the skit included JOSEF DINE, ROBERT GRAFF, announcer Lyle Van and Joseph Sturniolo, tape-recording engineer.

Previously, HAL LEE officiated at a door-prize drawing for a free round-trip to Rio via the Brazilian airline. He recalled having offered another trip several years ago on behalf of a Venezuelan president who was removed from office before the winner could take advantage of the prize. Lucky winner this time was MAX F. RODEN, correspondent for the Wiener Zeitung and a Brooklyn Eagle staffer from 1910 to 1930, who will make the trip with his wife. One of the earliest arrivals at the luncheon, RODEN confidently predicted he had attended just to win the prize.

Among other tributes received by Mr. KALTENBORN was a "peace pen", one of several used to sign the Japanese Peace Treaty at San Francisco, presented by PATRICIA LOCHRIDGE on behalf of Craig Sheaffer, whose company made the peace pens.

GUEST BOOK: CBS newsman DOUGLAS EDWARDS, GRACE DAVIDSON of the Boston Post, Mr. and Mrs. DIXON DONNELLEY (just in from Brazil), New York Times foreign editor EMANUEL FREEDMAN, Maj. GEORGE FIELDING ELIOT of MBS, ADELE NATHAN with guest Fannie Hurst ... Magazine Digest editor ANDREW HECHT, JAMES GREENFIELD (recently returned from Korea), TED EDIGER, CHRISTOPHER EMMETT, LUCY GOLDSMITH and JOHN GOETTE...: Veteran editor WHIT BURNETT, CLYDE BROWN and BETTY BETZ ... BOB ECKHOUSE, WILLIAM P. GRAY, RUTH LLOYD, LEONARD S. SMITH (with guests John Cameron Swayze, Robert Taplinger), LEO MISHKIN, JOSEPH C. PETERS, JOHN MARTINCO of UP, IEO MARGOLIN, MARK E. SENIGO ... REAVIS O'NEAL, JAMES POND, Maj. C. B. ORMEROD, NOLA LUXFORD, VICTOR KNAUTH ...

BRUNO SHAW, DAVID SHEFRIN, News Commentator ROBERT TROUT, DANIEL G. VAN ACKER, H. G. WOODHEAD ... WILLIAM L. SHIRER, DOUG WERNER, and RICHARD THOMAS ... COLUMBIA SILEO, WAYNE PENNINGTON, CARL PERUTZ, E. C. POTTER, JERRY HANNIFIN and, as must be obvious, too many others to be listed here ...

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